

# PMNCH 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

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**Document Title:** PMNCH focus area highlights for 2019 and priorities 2020

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**Summary:** This document provides an overview of work undertaken by PMNCH in 2019, including the six focus areas that have defined PMNCH's 2018 to 2020 Business Plan. It also includes a proposal for 2020 PMNCH priorities, as shaped by the findings of the independent External Evaluation (Jan 2020), the emerging direction of the 2021-2025 Strategy, as well as the COVID-19 context.

For those members seeking additional information, more details can be found here:

- [PMNCH 2019 Annual Report](#)
- Detailed review of all PMNCH deliverables in 2019, including budget and expenditures: [PMNCH 2019 Workplan with 'Traffic Lights'](#)
- Progress report on work undertaken as well as proposed deliverables for 2020, including budget and expenditures to date: [PMNCH 2020 Workplan with 'Traffic Lights'](#)

**Actions Required:** *The Board is asked to approve:*

- *PMNCH's report for 2019; and*
- *Repurposed workplan and budget for 2020.*

## DELIVERING FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN 2019-2020

*PMNCH's 1,000+ partners are together advocating urgent action for the health and well-being of women, children and adolescent everywhere. In 2020 our attention and response are focused on the devastating effects of COVID-19 on the health of women, children and adolescents, as well as the societies and economies that support them. Our collective action will help to prevent the COVID-19 pandemic from becoming a lasting crisis, while forging stronger primary health-care systems as a pathway to universal health coverage (UHC) and fostering the more equitable world envisaged by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). There is no time to lose.*

### Highlights of PMNCH's achievements 2019

**2019 was all about putting women, children and adolescents at the centre of UHC and the SDGs** and PMNCH made the case throughout 2019 that UHC will not be achieved if it does not meet the health needs of women, children and adolescents (WCA), especially the most vulnerable and marginalized. Our advocacy efforts resulted in WCAH being cited and specific language on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and included in UN High-Level Meeting Declaration on UHC; a resolution from the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU); and the outcome document of the Nairobi Summit marking the 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD+25). To support our coordinated advocacy efforts, we developed an advocacy brief on WCAH in UHC; organized a series of events on WCAH at global conferences; produced a highly cited op-ed from PMNCH Board Chair Helen Clark, together with former Board Chairs Graça Machel and Michelle Bachelet, published by Thomson Reuters globally.

**Working with parliamentarians:** Building on the outcomes of the parliamentary conclave at the PMNCH Partners' Forum in New Delhi PMNCH continued to work with parliamentarians in 2019. PMNCH and partners organized several events to strengthen parliamentarians' capacities to improve WCAH. A parliamentary handbook was developed to increase parliamentarians' knowledge of, and capacity to intervene effectively on, WCAH issues within national debate. This work will continue in 2020.

**Supporting civil society organizations (CSOs) and youth engagement in the Global Financing Facility (GFF) -** PMNCH continues to host and supports the GFF CSO Coordinating Group, engaging 300+ CSOs in GFF processes at global, regional and national levels. Small grants issued to CSOs in 2019 supported youth engagement in national multistakeholder platforms. An analysis of meaningful adolescent and youth engagement in the GFF formed the basis for the development of a GFF adolescent and youth action plan and the adolescent and youth addendum to the GFF civil society engagement strategy, which was endorsed by the GFF Investors Group.

**Streamlining global progress reporting and accountability mechanisms** resulted in fewer reports by partners and greater coherence in 2019. PMNCH worked with Countdown to 2030 and partners throughout 2019 on a major series published in *The BMJ* "Leaving no woman, no child, and no adolescent behind", which assesses the extent to which the world is on track to meet the 2030 SDG/Global Strategy targets for health.

### PMNCH's work in 2020

The 2020 Workplan sets out all our deliverables and includes traffic lights related to progress made and risk associated with this year's accomplishments. The cross-cutting deliverables are organized according to the advocacy function of the new Strategy (2021-2025): knowledge synthesis, partner engagement and campaigns. Key activities and deliverables are highlighted below.

**Knowledge synthesis for global and country-led advocacy:** PMNCH has produced an online repository of COVID-19 resources/toolkits on WCAH aligned with official WHO recommendations. Resources include advocacy and communications materials, technical resources, as well as country lessons and field experiences. Resources from the compendium will be packaged together with key evidence-based messages

for advocacy and audio-visual resources as user-friendly digital toolkits for advocacy. The first set of four toolkits, on maternal and newborn health, SRHR, adolescents' health, and early childhood development, will be launched in July 2020 during ["Lives in the Balance: A COVID-19 Summit for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health" 1-2 July](#), convened by PMNCH and the CORE Group. We are also synthesizing socioeconomic analysis to inform advocacy asks on policy and financing, including: consideration of the socioeconomic effects of COVID-19 on WCAH; analysis of cost-effective public financing of a package of reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) interventions; and protection against financial risk arising from public financing of RMNCH interventions, examining the financial benefits to individuals and families when a government undertakes total funding for an RMNCH package.

### ***Campaigns and outreach in 2020***

PMNCH will support a broad range of champions with key messages and opportunities for high-level advocacy, especially relating to COVID-19 and equity. A seven-point PMNCH Call to Action on COVID-19 and WCAH is set for launch by Board Chair Helen Clark on 1 July and will lead our advocacy messaging in 2020. Our current and former Board chairs (including Helen Clark, Michelle Bachelet and Graça Machel), as well as other champions associated with the EWEC High-Level Steering Group, will mobilize political support for increased attention to WCAH needs, including in the context of the pandemic. PMNCH is supporting champions to speak through the media, as well as through social media, events and bilateral meetings. For instance, PMNCH is leading a series of high-profile op-eds for global, regional and national publications on COVID-19 and equity issues.

Advocacy and communications products related to COVID-19 are being produced and widely disseminated through PMNCH and partner channels. These include a weekly series of data-based infographics distributed through social media channels; a set of five PMNCH multilingual animated videos on self-care and behavioural change, co-branded with WHO and UNICEF, for social media reach and national broadcast use; and an innovative online summit for knowledge and solution-sharing and joint action (Lives in the Balance Summit).

PMNCH is also calling attention to overlooked issues, in line with our new 2021-2025 Strategy. For example, our stillbirth advocacy work will include the development of a global parent group registry, message development, a stillbirth advocacy toolkit, and media/communications outreach pegged to the publication of new global stillbirth estimates at the end of 2020.

In September, PMNCH with UNICEF, WHO and Countdown will lead the launch of EWEC@10, a Global Strategy progress report. This launch will anchor PMNCH's traditional accountability meeting on the side of the UN General Assembly; this year, to be held virtually in an interactive format, inspired by the 1-2 July "Lives in the Balance" Summit on COVID-19.

### ***Partner engagement and capacity building***

PMNCH will continue supporting CSO and youth engagement, advocacy and accountability for improved WCAH, including in GFF processes globally and in countries through webinars, quarterly newsletters etc., focusing on advocacy. Additional GFF grants in 2020 will focus on COVID-19 advocacy.

The Independent Accountability Panel's 2020 report (July 2020) will focus on progress and accountability for WCAH and UHC, including in the context of COVID-19, and will include country scorecards on progress and success factors, country case studies and updated accountability frameworks and recommendations. It will draw on evidence on impact from the pandemic and its implications for WCAH and rights. PMNCH will co-host the virtual launch of the report at the UN High Level Political Forum, and support media outreach efforts for key messages.

In 2020, PMNCH will also focus on facilitating online dialogue, knowledge-sharing and collaboration among constituency groups and individual partners, including at national and regional level, through an ambitious digital platform. This platform will include: a revitalized PMNCH website designed to drive partner interaction; a WhatsApp group for PMNCH members; digital advocacy tools (such as the toolkits described above); a digitalized membership database; and shareable event calendars. These efforts support the implementation of PMNCH Board-approved governance and reform processes, currently under development.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD)

*Children's experiences in their earliest years have a profound impact on brain development, with lifelong consequences for their health, well-being, learning, behaviour and productivity. Investment in nurturing care for early childhood development (ECD) must be part of efforts to achieve universal health coverage and every country's response to COVID-19.*

### Highlights of PMNCH's achievements in 2019

Since the launch of the Nurturing Care Framework for ECD in 2018, PMNCH has developed a [Nurturing Care Toolkit](#); implemented a dedicated website, <https://nurturing-care.org>; and coordinated an advocacy working group among PMNCH partners. The Partnership has also participated actively in regional and global meetings and working groups to take the ECD agenda forward, including documentation of nurturing care policies and interventions at global, regional and national levels.

Other work in 2019 included development and wide dissemination of the [Countdown to 2030 ECD country profiles](#). We also [synthesized evidence on inequalities in ECD](#), led the development of two case studies ([Chile](#) and [Germany](#)) on the need for multisectoral collaboration to deliver ECD effectively, and provided technical support to develop an evidence [brief on ending violence in early childhood](#).

### PMNCH's ECD priorities 2020

In 2020, PMNCH will focus on mitigating the direct and indirect harmful effects of COVID-19 on young children's health and development. For example, ensuring child security and reducing violence – a key part of the Nurturing Care Framework -- is highlighted in the PMNCH Call to Action on COVID-19. To operationalize this call, PMNCH is producing a comprehensive digital advocacy toolkit on ECD, translated in French and Spanish. This toolkit will include key messages on improving ECD through health services during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond; four case studies capturing lessons learned and what has worked to elevate attention to and investment in ECD within the health sector; and a brief on nurturing care for children affected by HIV. We are also documenting best practices and lessons learned from India's experience of applying a multisectoral and multi-stakeholder approach to ECD.

These advocacy and knowledge tools will be delivered through PMNCH's emerging digital platform, supporting greater capacity and alignment among partners at the national level. Dedicated ECD webinars and workshops in 2020 will also promote integrated policy, programming and advocacy efforts on ECD, working across sectors and constituency groups. Such efforts will be sustained with the support of national multi-sector platforms, as identified in PMNCH's Country Engagement Strategy.

At regional level, as well as a global level, ECD advocacy messages will be amplified by all PMNCH champions, including Michelle Bachelet, former Board Chair and President of Chile. PMNCH has entered into an 18-month Letter of Agreement with Dr Bachelet's personal foundation in Santiago, Chile, to enable advocacy and communications on ECD and related issues throughout the Latin American and Caribbean region, as well as globally. These efforts will be supported PMNCH communication products. This includes a new animated video series disseminated by both WHO and UNICEF in all six UN languages to promote self-care and health service uptake by women and families during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. The first video in this series, encouraging safe breastfeeding and nurturing care during COVID-19, was downloaded nearly 50,000 times in the first weeks after release in May 2020; national language versions and broadcast plans will follow. Another video in this series will be focused on protecting children from violence.

## ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

*Investments in adolescent health and well-being can transform the lives of young people and generate significant economic returns, yielding a triple dividend: for adolescents, for the adults they will become, and for the next generation. These dividends will only be realized if action is taken to address the huge inequalities between adolescents that the COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare and to ensure that all adolescents can access essential services.*

### Highlights of PMNCH's achievements in 2019

In 2019, PMNCH galvanized partners from around the world for the rights, health and well-being of adolescents and young people through a global call to action: The [Meaningful Global Adolescent and Youth Engagement Consensus Statement](#) attracted 250+ endorsements by the end of the year. This Statement is backed by an accountability system to track actions by signatory organizations and to share best practices. Alongside these efforts, PMNCH and partners launched the report [Adolescent health: the missing population in universal health coverage to draw attention to the necessity of UHC to achieve goals for adolescents and young people](#). We also synthesized key evidence on [adolescent mental health](#) and empowerment. To promote knowledge-sharing and joint action, PMNCH organized a five-part [webinar series](#), which brought together 800+ youth-led organizations and other stakeholders to share experiences and best practices in key areas. In 2019, PMNCH issued grants and provided technical support to youth organizations in five countries to implement the [Advocating for Change for Adolescents! toolkit](#). An [advocacy brief](#) was published in 2019 to share the highlights, challenges and lessons learned from the first two years of the project. PMNCH also piloted the Adolescent and Youth Constituency mentorship programme, and documented lessons from that experience.

### PMNCH's priorities in 2020

Products in 2020 include an animated video on adolescent mental health to support self-care and care-seeking behaviours, as well as infographics and social media packages relating to COVID-19. Other knowledge and advocacy products cover menstrual hygiene, climate change, as well as adolescent health and well-being in humanitarian and fragile settings. These will be incorporated into PMNCH's digital platform and knowledge hub, currently under development.

Together with UN partners and other agencies PMNCH is anchoring the development of an Adolescent Well-Being Framework to bring together and guide policy development, uniting cross-sectoral evidence, ideas and partners. Two commentaries by leading champions of adolescent health have been developed for scientific journals on the Framework project to drive widespread support and engagement, and to highlight key concepts underpinning the Framework. PMNCH champions will continue to advocate for adolescent well-being, including in the context of WASH and other relevant issues and settings, including COVID-19.

Building national capacity of youth organizations and networks will continue to be a major focus for PMNCH in 2020, with small grants to be disbursed to youth-led coalitions in 11 countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America. At global level, PMNCH will continue to mobilize endorsements for its [call to action for adolescent well-being](#). PMNCH will organize a round of global and regional digital consultations with partners to assess progress on implementing its recommendations. A first annual report on the implementation of the Call to Action will focus on highlighting challenges and progress. Efforts have also been initiated to establish a group of Member States at the United Nations to champion the adolescent well-being agenda.



## QUALITY, EQUITY AND DIGNITY (QED)

*Quality, equity and dignity (QED) efforts aim to ensure equitable access to good quality care throughout pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period and that all women, newborns, children and adolescents have a positive experience of care that respects and fulfils their rights. This applies also during crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic.*

### Highlights of PMNCH's achievements in 2019

In 2019, PMNCH continued to support the White Ribbon Alliance's What Women Want campaign as a Steering Committee member. Findings from the campaign, which mobilized more than 1 million women to speak out for their needs, were highlighted during the annual PMNCH Accountability Breakfast on the side of the UN General Assembly (Sept 2019). Representatives of national chapters of the White Ribbon Alliance shared powerful messages about findings of the campaign, which were amplified globally by PMNCH's social media channels.

Related QED advocacy efforts in 2019 focused on the important role of midwifery and professional care in pregnancy, childbirth and postnatal care. PMNCH continued to lead and co-chair with UNICEF the Advocacy and Communications Working Group for "Transforming Care for Small and Sick Newborns", which coordinated the launch and dissemination of the [2018 Every Newborn Progress Report](#), as well as the development and advocacy of the 2019-2020 Every Newborn Results Framework.

PMNCH continued to disseminate findings from two QED country case studies on multisectoral collaboration ([Cambodia](#) and [India](#)), as part of the multisectoral series published by PMNCH in *The BMJ* in 2018. Also, in 2019, PMNCH supported the development of two peer-reviewed papers coordinated with Countdown 2030 on equity gaps on coverage and published in *The BMJ* in January 2020. "[Closing the inequality gaps in reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health \(RMNCH\) coverage: slow and fast progressors](#)" shows that coverage of RMNCH remains insufficient at the national level and across equity dimensions to achieve UHC by 2030. The [second paper](#) highlights large and persistent subnational inequalities in RMNCH intervention coverage in sub-Saharan Africa. Messages from both papers were amplified by PMNCH's social media channels.

### PMNCH's priorities in 2020

In 2020, PMNCH will continue to advocate for quality, respectful and dignified care for women, now in the context of the COVID-19 response and recovery. Improving quality care, alongside a call to strengthen the recruitment, pay and working conditions for midwives and nurses, are two of the seven points highlighted in the PMNCH Call to Action on Covid-19. This call, produced in the global Year of the Nurse and the Midwife, will feed into advocacy and communication efforts now underway for the 2021 publication of the next *State of the World's Midwifery Report*.

PMNCH will play a coordinating role in the advocacy for this report along with the International Confederation of Midwives and UFPA, as well as play a more active advocacy role in other partner-led platforms advocating for quality care related to maternal, newborn and child health. This includes the Every Newborn Action Plan, Stillbirth Advocacy Working Group, and the World Prematurity Day campaign, and the Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality (EPMM) effort, now regaining strength in 2020. At country level, we will advocate for QED at the country level through our small grants mechanism, support for multi-stakeholder platforms, and through the dissemination and endorsement by national champions and political leaders of our COVID-19 Call to Action.

## SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (SRHR)

*Provision of a comprehensive package of services that addresses sexual and reproductive health needs and rights throughout the life course benefits women, adolescents, children and societies at large and is highly cost-effective. However, political challenges to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) coupled with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on health services are eroding the SRHR of millions of women and adolescents, especially the most vulnerable and marginalized.*

### Highlights of PMNCH's achievements in 2019

In 2019, PMNCH was resolute in its efforts to advance SRHR in UHC. We supported partners by launching a [Call to Action](#) for the inclusion of SRHR in national UHC packages. We lobbied successfully for SRHR language to be explicitly included in the World Health Assembly and [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#) UHC resolutions, as well as in the [United Nations General Assembly Declaration](#) on UHC in September 2019. We deployed our formidable champions, including current PMNCH Board Chair Helen Clark and former Board Chairs Michelle Bachelet and Graça Machel, to spearhead a call for other leaders to commit to fully financed national health plans to ensure universal access to SRHR. This call was the centrepiece of media advocacy efforts, published in conjunction with the ICPD+25 conference in November 2019.

Other knowledge synthesis and dissemination work in 2019 included co-production of a report on ODA outlook for SRHR issues: "Funding for sexual and reproductive health and rights in low- and middle-income countries: threats, outlook and opportunities". PMNCH also supported a Sida-commissioned report, developed with technical assistance from the Clinton Health Access Initiative, analyzing SRHR in country health benefits packages for UHC. PMNCH also supported the development of two papers, on "[Structural determinants of gender inequality: why they matter for adolescent girls' sexual and reproductive health](#)" and "[Adolescent sexual and reproductive health in sub-Saharan Africa](#)", as part of the BMJ series on equity published in January 2020). As part of our country-level work in 2019, we supported civil society organizations in countries carrying out focused advocacy, calling for the inclusion of SRHR in national UHC action plans and budgets in several countries.

### PMNCH's priorities in 2020

SRHR features prominently in our 2020 activities, including those relating to COVID-19. For example, our [COVID-19 live digital compendium](#) of up-to-date guidance and partners' resources has a section devoted to SRHR. These resources will be packaged in a digital advocacy toolkit on SRHR for PMNCH partners at country, regional and global level. PMNCH will also continue to position SRHR prominently in global statements, such as those made by women leaders during the May 2020 roundtable on WCAH and COVID-19, co-convened by PMNCH Board Chair Helen Clark with the President of Estonia. Working with civil society, PMNCH will promote the inclusion of SRHR in five national UHC and Global Financing Facility Investment Cases through support to national civil society coalitions. Action will continue to be informed by evidence on SRHR: In 2020, PMNCH will support the launch of a special issue of *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*, focusing on SRHR in UHC from a rights perspective. This special issue is sponsored by PMNCH, includes a commentary from Helen Clark on the need to strengthen SRHR in UHC as countries build back from COVID-19. Efforts are also underway to track SRHR-related commitments and to synthesize progress on outcomes, including through country profiles and equity analysis.

## EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN, GIRLS AND COMMUNITIES

*The COVID-19 pandemic is exposing and exacerbating systematic and structural racial, ethnic and gender inequities everywhere. Laws, policies and social norms that advance gender equality and combat discrimination, coercion and violence are crucial to ensure that populations and communities survive, thrive and transform; women, children and adolescents must be agents of change in these processes.*

### Highlights of PMNCH's achievements in 2019

In 2019, PMNCH focused on synthesizing evidence relating to critical issues around empowering women, children and communities. These included a series of papers in 2019 developed with Countdown to 2030 partners that highlighted the critical need to empower women and adolescents to mitigate persistent inequalities. These were published in *The BMJ* in January 2020 as part of the "[Leaving no woman, no child, and no adolescent behind](#)" series, sponsored by PMNCH together with WHO, Countdown to 2030 and the Independent Accountability Panel. Papers addressed topics including:

- Structural drivers of gender inequality: what do we know, what do we track and has there been progress?;
- Intimate partner violence: levels, inequalities and trends using Demographic and Health Surveys;
- Inequalities in phone access among women and the implications for reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health care-seeking behaviour;
- Level and trends in inequalities in perinatal mortality in 137 low- and middle-income countries.

Work also continued in 2019 on conducting economic analysis related to SBCE in enhancing self-care and care-seeking behaviour. In collaboration with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), PMNCH developed a handbook for parliamentarians to promote budget allocation, legislation and accountability for women's, children's and adolescents' health. Sustained advocacy by PMNCH, including a workshop organized with IPU at the 2019 IPU Assembly in Qatar, resulted in the explicit inclusion of women's, children's and adolescents' health in an IPU Resolution on Universal Health Coverage, endorsed by all national parliaments of the IPU in late 2019.

### PMNCH's priorities in 2020

Empowering women, girls and communities is a key theme in all PMNCH's work relating to COVID-19. For example, "Lives in the Balance: A COVID-19 Summit for the Health and Well-Being of Women, Children and Adolescents" will focus attention on the voices, realities and needs of women and girls in special sessions during the 1-2 July online meeting, including through video products developed with the What Women Want campaign, to be shared as part of the programme and through social media for the launch of the PMNCH Call to Action on COVID-19. The PMNCH [compendium of COVID-19 resources](#) includes sections on gender, community engagement, and human rights and equity, and will be a background resource for this Summit.

Also in relation to the pandemic, PMNCH is working with partners in LAC, Africa and Asia to document community experiences on women's, children's, and adolescents' health and well-being to strengthen decision-making and accountability. We are urging all COVID-19 response taskforces within national multistakeholder platforms to be gender-balanced and to include community-based representatives, adolescents and young people.



## WOMEN'S, CHILDREN'S AND ADOLESCENTS' HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN HUMANITARIAN AND FRAGILE SETTINGS

*Humanitarian and development sectors must coordinate their programmes and responses to COVID-19 to ensure that the needs of women, children and adolescents are met in humanitarian and fragile settings (HFS), including access to high-quality services and interventions across the life course and the continuum of care.*

### Highlights of PMNCH's achievements in 2019

Building on efforts in recent years to map and review gaps in coordination and alignment around women's, children's and adolescents' health in humanitarian and fragile settings (HFS), PMNCH continued in 2019 to undertake important efforts in knowledge synthesis, partner alignment and advocacy. A concept note for the PMNCH Humanitarian and Fragile Setting Working Group sets out the focus and structure of the Partnership's work through 2020. In 2019, PMNCH was engaged in a wide range of efforts to develop consensus on knowledge for advocacy, engage a wide range of partners from different constituency groups on these issues. This included supporting an official side event at the UN General Assembly in September 2019, leading a cross-constituency working group meeting on the side of the PMNCH Board meeting in Nairobi in November 2019, as well as contributing to the development of the [Roadmap to Accelerate Progress for Every Newborn in Humanitarian Settings](#), coordinated by Save the Children. In addition, PMNCH produced a series of knowledge briefs -- the first two topics focused on (1) the health and well-being of displaced women, children and adolescents, and (2) digital opportunities for displaced women, children and adolescents.

### PMNCH's priorities in 2020

PMNCH partners have highlighted the need for increased attention to maternal and child health in humanitarian and fragile settings, especially considering the increased vulnerability women, children and adolescents are facing in these setting during the COVID-10 pandemic. As a result, PMNCH is focusing its efforts on three interrelated priorities: Undertaking evidence-based advocacy concerning women's, children's and adolescents' health issues in these settings; developing knowledge synthesis products, including on COVID-19; and developing global public goods to accelerate learning and action.

As part of our advocacy efforts in 2020, PMNCH will support the launch and dissemination of the BRANCH Consortium-led Lancet series on sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (SRMNCAH) and nutrition in conflict settings, including the subsequent facilitation of the uptake of recommendations and findings to influence policy change at global and country levels. PMNCH is developing a peer reviewed paper on midwifery in HFS, which will feed into the *2021 State of the World Midwifery Report*. PMNCH is also developing digital toolkits and other knowledge translation products concerning the impact of COVID-19, including its socioeconomic impacts on women, children and adolescents, to support partner advocacy efforts, with a view of providing solutions and mitigation strategies in the HFS context. To accelerate learning and action, PMNCH and WHO will convene and align partners around the need for a Global Action Plan to Accelerate Progress for Every Child and Mother in Humanitarian and Fragile Settings, in line with the continuum of care approach. Work is also underway to conduct national level assessments of women's, children's and adolescents' health needs during the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to distil lessons learned and best practices into global public goods.